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Russia Frees 2 U.S. Tourists

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Two American tourists missing in Russia since mid-August were reported today to have been released by Soviet authorities after being secretly detained for several weeks.

The two are Harvey C. Bennett of Bath, Maine, and Mark I. Kaminsky of Jefferson Township, Mich.

Aids of Rep. John J. McFall (D-Calif.) said they had been told by the State Department that Bennett and Kaminsky had been detained by Soviet authorities for violation of photographic regulations. McFall had inquired into the case because Bennett has lived in Tracy, Calif.

The U. S. Embassy in Moscow on Sept. 21 and 29 and again on Oct. 3 pressed the Soviet Foreign Ministry for information on the two men.

Authorities reported today that a reply had finally come through from the Soviet Foreign Office to the effect that the men have been released and are driving west to Prague.

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